

Pulaski County Master Gardeners General Meeting

October 15, 2024

Welcome: The general meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Sara Jordan. The speaker was introduced by Member-At-Large Susan Rose. The presentation was "From Sun to Soil: Dermatology Essentials for the Master Gardener" by Alissa Huberty, PA-C.

Announcements: Sara Jordan presented the proposed slate of officers for 2025. The nominating committee selected a slate which will be voted on in November. She also presented a nomination for a PCMG award. Curran Hall nominated Dianne Rhodes in the category of Rookie of the Year. This nomination will also be voted on at the November meeting. Other nominations will be accepted until midnight on this date.

She also announced that the new training class consists of 47 people in person and 10 people online. Project chairs should contact Pam Abrams with a request for new members as well as the names of selected mentors. Mentor training is scheduled to take place following the February general meeting.

Sara explained that the new recruitment process workshop will be held Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Projects need one or two representatives from each project to present information about their project to the new training class. Projects can bring only a pamphlet.

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture and the Education Committee will hold a workshop on Gardening with Master Gardeners-Part One of a Series on Saturday November 9, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Arkansas State Extension Auditorium. The cost of this educational opportunity will be \$5. Those interested can register by phone or online with a QR code.

The new members' reception is scheduled to be held immediately following the November 19, 2024, general meeting in Jones Hall. Lunch will be provided.

The PCMG Holiday Event and Luncheon will be held at Chenal Country Club on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. The cost will be \$35 and registration information will be available soon.

Sara announced that the Facebook/Photography Committee is seeking new members. If interested, members can contact Charlotte Perdue, chair of the committee.

Sara also reminded members of the email address to be used to add or update information. The address is pcmg.update@gmail.com. Senders will receive email confirmation when changes have been completed.

Sara answered an inquiry regarding the new printed membership booklet. The books will be furnished free of charge to members in January 2025. Derek answered a question about the new 2025 calendars. He will obtain them from the state office as soon as they are ready. He hopes to have them in December or January.

New from Derek: Derek announced that those who ordered a badge will be notified when they are received by the county office. He also announced that all mentors can attend the Annuals to Perennials Class each year for a viewing party with refreshments. Derek also encouraged any last-minute award

nominations. They can be sent to him and Sara in order to comply with the midnight deadline. He praised the Continuing Education Committee for their work on the new event. Derek also gave us some interesting 4-H news.

Door prizes were offered to members present at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deeana Montgomery

Board Secretary